ON CUE!

AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, KEW

Kew has the reputation of being well-to-do and upper class. Some may wonder what there is here for an evangelist. However, all people have needs, though some may hide them more than others, and ALL PEOPLE NEED CHRIST.

There are some amazing differences. Many people are poor and live in rented places, which leave a lot to be desired - in sharp contrast to the numerous stately homes in the same suburb. Similarly, the occupations range from doctors, lawyers and other professionals to the unemployed and others dependant on social services.

The ministry here has certainly a lot of opportunities for evangelism. Like the other weekend when I arrived late in the evening at a birthday party for one of the older youth. When I got there, groups of two were throughout the house. Shortly after I was introduced, two people wanted to know what a Christian is. The kitchen number grew, until almost everyone was crowded around the table, talking about Jesus.

The men in the snooker club have had very little contact with the Church. I've been joining them for games, and, as they get to know me, I'm finding more and more that they are wanting to share their problems with me - and these include alcohol, family life and other things which concern them.

In the recycling centre, run on Church premises, where paper and bottles are left, I've had surprised looks when people discover that I work for the Church and am willing to help load papers, etc. This seems to have "broken the ice" with many people. So the recycling centre provides a useful service to the community, as well as opening up contacts with people.

There are seven homes for elderly people in the Parish. Our ministry to the people there aims to help them draw closer to Christ. However, some of these folk can't read because of bad eyesight, so now we provide a cassette ministry to them. Bible passages and singing are the most popular.

Youth work is part of my ministry. One area that I am finding very rewarding is visiting young people at home. In this way I get to see them in another setting, and have an opportunity to meet their parents. I find this a very valuable and rewarding ministry.

From snooker, tennis, beer bottles to the diners' club here at the Church.

From social functions to ministry to the elderly.

Christ has challenged me greatly in this ministry at Kew.

(Captain) *Chris Thiele*

MINISTRY to Women

If some details seem to be lacking in the following article, I'm sure you will understand that detailed publicity would not be helpful to this particular area of ministry.

Sister Flo Herman (right) moved to Victoria in March, for a brief appointment in the Parish of Inverleigh and Meredith (west of Melbourne).

Towards the end of her time there, she met a Vicar from another Parish. This Vicar and his wife had made a lot of contacts amongst street women and had been ministering to those who were trying to "come off" drugs. They had both established meaningful relationships with many girls, to the point where the girls seek them out for help. However, they believed that this area of ministry should move forward in a new way.

OUT OF THE SCENE The girls who want to "come off" drugs need somewhere to stay, away from the environment, to withdraw - away from the temptations which are a strong pull, even for those who desperately want to get out of the scene, and away from "well meaning" friends and acquaintances who would make the temptations harder to resist.

A house became temporarily available - about an hour's drive from Melbourne - and there is the possibility of a farm-house being available on a more permanent basis.

ENTER SISTER FLO The Vicar and his wife had been praying for God's provision of a suitable person to be involved in this ministry, and, after much prayer, thought, discussion and planning, it was believed that the work should go ahead, with Flo living at the house, and being responsible for 2 to 3 girls at a time. She has been there for several weeks now.

Sister Flo with one of the girls.

BACK UP AND SUPPORT It is essential that the girls staying at the house have 24 hour attention and supervision. However it is also necessary that Flo has a regular break from the work. To try to meet this situation, lay people from a nearby parish have been relieving her, to allow for regular days off. People from the same parish have also been supporting the venture with special times of prayer.

FINANCE? The Mission of St. James and St. John in Melbourne has taken on the costs of Flo's ministry for the past few weeks, and, through them, three other Anglican organisations are probably going to take over the financial responsibility for the work from now on.

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A Prayer For The Church Army:

Bless, O Lord, the work of the Church Army, to the conversion of sinners and the strengthening of the faithful. Endue its workers with the power of Your Holy Spirit, that they may witness faithfully, courageously, and consistently to the principles of Your Gospel and the faith of Your Church - for Jesus Christ's sake.

Amen.

THINK ABOUT THIS!

REMEMBER THE WILL OF GOD IN YOUR WORK & REMEMBER THE WORK OF GOD IN YOUR WILL!

Your legacy to the Church Army could help to ensure the future training of men and women as Evangelists and enable the development of the Society's work in many areas of direct evangelism and Christian service.

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Please pray ...

GIVE THANKS:
* For response in many people to personal commitment and rededication, through recent Church Army Missions and through the Billy Graham Crusade.
* For the tremendous response to our 2 recent Appeals - a) for building, b) for general funds.

PRAY FOR:

EFFECTIVE FOLLOW-UP of all people who made a response at recent Church Army Missions and at the Billy Graham Crusade. Pray that those responsible for follow-up may be faithful, sensitive and wise in their nurture of people into the life of the Church.

PARISH MISSION 24 June - 1 July, Parish of Normanton, Qld. *(Captain K. Cullen assisted by the Rev. A. Shephard)*

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OPENING OF NEW FEDERAL OFFICE AT BELROSE 2 September, 3 p.m. *by the Primate, the Most Reverend Sir Marcus Loane.*

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"NOW DON'T YOU FORGET TO WRITE AND SAY THANK YOU!"

Every parent knows the necessity of reminding their offspring to write those letters after Christmas and birthdays.

Recently, it was necessary for the Church Army Board to send out a special letter of appeal to our many friends and supporters. This set out our present financial position and immediate needs. It was hoped the many people who so regularly and sacrificially give to the work, would not feel under pressure in any way to give *YET AGAIN* to the Society. We are all very much aware of just how much our friends do send already. But it was still felt right to let everyone know, including our regular supporters, of our exact position.

We need no reminder now to say a heartfelt *"Thank you"* to the large number of individuals and parishes who have responded so generously to our special appeal. At the time of writing we have received over *$6,000*. This is truly wonderful.

We thank God every day for those whose interest and Christian love enable our work of evangelism to go forward. Would you join us in prayer that our Captains and Sisters may wisely use the resources given to us. There is still so much to be done, so many situations where Church Army can share in the Church's task of making known the Gospel. We are confident that with the Holy Spirit's guidance, and with you as a partner in the work, we will not merely be able to continue, but will be able to tackle new areas of need and challenge.

"To God be the glory - great things He has done."

Gilbert A. Page.

FEDERAL DIRECTOR

God's Front Line

Michael Turnbull

A new book about the Church Army is obviously of interest to "Pioneer" readers. But this paperback is not designed for the bookshelf. It is for reading - and passing on to some-one else.

Although it describes the work of the English Society, its short easy-to-read chapters are filled with stories of people whose lives are not so very different from many on this side of the world.

The Chief Secretary of the Church Army in England does not gloss over problems. His descriptive word pictures tell of the difficulties in making known the Gospel to the elderly, those on holiday, the prisoner, the soldier's family, a group of rebellious youngsters - and many more. But the Evangelist is in business for this very task, and it's exciting to read how Captains and Sisters are active in *GOD'S FRONT LINE*.

See page 12 for details about how to purchase this book.

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